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SUBJECT: DSP SECRETARY GENERAL SASAKI RESIGNS

SUMMARY : ON OCTOBER 5 DSP SEC GEN SASAKI RESIGNED POSITION, CITING MEDICAL PROBLEMS AS REASON. POLITICAL OBSERVERS FEEL DECISION WAS REINFORCED BY LONGSTANDING DESIRE TO STEP DOWN WHICH HAD BEEN ENGENDERED BY DSP ELECTION SETBACKS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON OCTOBER 5, DSP SEC GEN RYOSAKU SASAKI SUBMITTED KALETTER OF RESIGNATION TO PARTY CHAIRMAN IKKO KASUGAGX YASAKI, WHO HAS BEEN UNDER TREATMENT FOR BACK AND EYE AILMENTS IN TOKYO HOSPITAL FOR LAST WEEK, CITED MEDICAL PROBLEMS AS REASON FOR DECISION. DSP VICE CHAIRMAN TADASHI KODAIRA TOLD PRESS THAT SASAKI SEEMED FIRMLY DETERMINED TO STEP DOWN ALTHOUGH CHAIRMAN KASUGA HAS BEEN REPORTED AS SAYING HE WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE SASAKI TO STAY ON.

2. COMMENT: SASAKI HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY BOTHERED BY CHRONIC BACK AND EYE PROBLEMS. MOREOVER, HE REPORTEDLY HAS WANTED TO STEP DOWN FOR SOME TIME TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DSP SETBACKS IN 1972

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GENERAL ELECTION AND 1973 TOKYO ASSEMBLY ELECTION.

HIS DECISION APPEARS TO BE FINAL ONE, AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT ACTING SEC GEN TO SERVE UNTIL NEXT PARTY CONVENTION IN SPRING OF 1974 WILL BE APPOINTED NEXT WEEK.

3. SASAKI HAS BEEN REGARDED AS MORE DYNAMIC AND APPEALING ELEMENT IN OTHERWISE STODGY DSP LEADERSHIP. HIS DEPARTURE, THEREFORE, IS LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER DISSATISFACTION ON PART OF ELEMENTS IN PARTY AND SUPPORTING UNIONS WHO HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF WHAT THEY VIEW AS INEPT AND COLORLESS KASUGA LEADERSHIP.
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